

# PHILOSOPHY

## What can I do with this degree?

### AREAS

### EMPLOYERS

### STRATEGIES

#### SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Research  
Staff Positions

Counseling

Nonprofit organizations  
Organizations serving the arts  
Social service organizations  
Public interest research groups  
Museums  
Libraries

Mental health organizations

Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Gain related work experience.

Acquire master's degree in Library and Information Sciences.

Take counseling courses.

Obtain master's degree in social work or counseling for therapy positions.

#### RELIGION/MINISTRY

Clergy  
Staff positions

Local churches/synagogues  
District, jurisdictional, national and world divisions of denominations  
Religious affiliated schools, colleges and universities  
Local, national and international mission field  
Religious organizations

Obtain appropriate seminary training for clergy.  
Become certified through denomination for specialized staff positions.  
Gain related experience through local church or religious organizations.

#### EDUCATION

Teaching  
Research  
Administration  
Student Affairs

Colleges and universities  
Adult Education Programs  
Vocational-Technical Educational Programs  
Professional or graduate schools including medical

Obtain Ph.D. for most teaching and research positions.

Develop one or more concentrations, such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, religion, etc.

Gain related experience.

Combine with master's degree in specialized area, e.g., Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, etc.

Secure internship in area of interest.

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RESEARCH

Colleges and universities  
Government agencies  
Insurance companies  
Publishers  
Museums  
Political organizations  
Public Interest Research Groups  
Nonprofit organizations

Obtain Ph.D. for college and university advanced positions.  
Develop excellent research and verbal and written communication skills.  
Obtain related experience.

GOVERNMENT

Staff Positions  
Congressional Staffs  
Lobbying

Federal, state and local government  
Federal agencies including Office of Personnel Management  
Commission on Civil Rights  
Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Department of Energy  
Federal Communications Commission  
Foreign Service  
Federal Municipal Archives  
National and State Endowments for the Humanities

Learn federal, state and local job application process.

CONSULTING

Service organizations  
Research organizations  
Health science funding agencies

Obtain graduate degree.  
Gain related experience.

ETHICS

Medical  
Environmental  
Research

Medical and professional schools  
Colleges and universities  
Consulting services  
Research organizations  
Health science funding agencies  
Environmental agencies  
Federal and state government

Obtain Ph.D. for most positions.  
Participate in related professional organizations.  
Join debate groups.  
Develop excellent research, verbal and written communication skills.  
Learn federal and state government job application process.

## AREAS

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### WRITING

Writing  
Editing  
Technical Writing  
Journalism  
Advertising

Publishing companies  
Insurance companies  
Travel agencies  
Magazine and newspaper companies  
Professional/Trade associations  
Advertising agencies/departments

Serve on college newspaper staff.  
Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills.  
Take courses, minor or double major in journalism, advertising or English.  
Get related experience.  
Become student member of related professional group.

### BUSINESS

Management  
Sales/Marketing  
Human Resources  
Marketing Research  
Advertising  
Finance  
Insurance  
Lobbying

Business firms  
Insurance companies  
Bookstores  
Marketing research departments/organizations  
Museums  
Travel agencies  
Advertising agencies/departments  
Real estate companies

Take a business minor.  
Get related experience.  
Earn leadership role(s) in campus organization(s).  
Take advertising courses.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Philosophy students develop many functional skills which can be transferred from one career/job to another and provide flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable.
- These skills include analytical, organizational, research, and oral and written communication. Abilities include generate ideas, formulate and solve problems, integrate diverse data, construct useful analogies, adapt to change, elicit hidden assumptions, persuade people and summarize complicated material.
- Undergraduate degree qualifies for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations, and government.
- Graduate studies usually lead to careers in law, ministry, finance, psychology, counseling, diplomacy, and related areas.
- Ph.D. is required for college/university teaching and research.
- Concentrations with other areas can include: Philosophy and mathematics, religion, science, history, women, Eastern philosophy and medical or business ethics.
- Selected computer science courses essential and offer more employment opportunities.
- Develop aptitudes for analytical thinking, logic and statistics in order to apply philosophy to a broad range of professions such as: law, government, finance, management consulting, and related areas.
- Join related student or professional organizations.
- Seek related summer or part-time work experience or internships in area(s) of interest.